

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Alan D. Gardner at 4:00 p.m. on March 3, 2015, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman Alan D. Gardner, Commissioner Zachary Renstrom, County Administrator Dean Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Nicholle M. Felshaw.

Commissioner Victor Iverson was excused from the meeting.

Commissioner Renstrom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for February 18, 2015, through March 3, 2015
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property (attached)
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatement: Janet and Jack Hymas, S/N SG-WGT-7; Douglas and Jeanne Hardy, S/N W-VSH-231; Michelle McKay, A/N 0752546
- Consideration of Application for Settlement or Deferral of Property Taxes: Priority Investments LLC/Jill, S/N H-154-A-2; T Joyce LLC, S/N W-227-Q; Virgin Utah Properties/Tom LaCosse, S/N V-2-1-21-2121

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Chairman Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner and Renstrom voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH/BONNIE HALLMAN

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Coordinator for Five County Association of Governments, Bonnie Hallman recognized Dorothy Blake who has been serving as a Senior Companion since 2011.

Dorothy assists the Alzheimer's and Dementia Society Memory Activity Class and is positive, organized and always willing to go the extra mile to take care of her clients.

FFA PRESENTATION: ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT: KATIE DIAMOND

A presentation was given by the Dixie High School FFA Chapter on the agricultural issue of the Endangered Species Act and whether or not it should be reformed. Both sides of the matter were presented, which allowed the audience to become more aware of how the Endangered Species Act affects all involved.

(see attached for presentation)

**CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS/MARK BLANCH
CONVENTION & TOURISM (3), COMMISSION (1), EMERGENCY SERVICES
(2)**

Convention and Tourism Office, Fairways Media advertising	(\$29,656.00)
Convention and Tourism Office, NCGA advertising	(\$20,000.00)
Convention and Tourism Office, So CA Golf Assoc. advertising	(\$27,890.00)
Commission Office, Abraham Lincoln bronze sculpture	(\$40,000.00)
Emergency Services, deployable raker set	(\$19,286.06)
Emergency Services, 5 trailers	(\$21,700.00)

The Commission Office purchase request was modified from the Convention and Tourism budget to the Commission budget.

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Approve the Purchase Requests. Motion seconded by Chairman Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner and Renstrom voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-1047-O, AN ORDINANCE
REZONING A CERTAIN PORTION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY NEAR
HURRICANE FROM OST-20 ZONE TO M-1 ZONE - PREVIOUSLY
RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1046 TABLED DECEMBER 16, 2014**

Washington County Community Development Director Scott Messel mentioned that this Ordinance came before the Commission originally December 16, 2014 but was tabled at that time.

The application has been submitted, reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission to rezone 52 acres of property near Hurricane, located just south of the Shooting Sports Park. The rezone is being sought by Rocky Mountain Power in order to install a power substation. County Administrator Dean Cox explained that rezoning will ultimately benefit the Shooting Sports Park. Currently, the access to the Shooting Sports Park is by grant that the owner is allowing. Rocky Mountain Power has agreed to purchase the right-of-way and subsequently grant to the County allowing a public right-of-way through the property.

Washington County Attorney Eric Clarke clarified that Washington County did not require Rocky Mountain Power to purchase the right-of way. Rocky Mountain Power acknowledged that a right-of way was needed and through their own negotiations and accord they obtained the right-of-way, will make it public and the County will provide the maintenance.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Adopt Ordinance No. 2015-1047-O, an Ordinance Rezoning a Certain Portion of Washington County Near Hurricane from OST-20 to M-1 Zone. Motion seconded by Chairman Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1887, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING VICTOR IVERSON TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BOARD FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1, RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1888, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING VICTOR IVERSON TO THE SOUTHWEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT AND CONTROL DISTRICT'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1889, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING VICTOR IVERSON TO THE SOUTHWEST UTAH BOARD OF HEALTH

Chairman Gardner mentioned the resolutions ratify the appointment, but Commissioner Iverson has been serving on the aforementioned boards for several months.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1887, a Resolution Appointing Victor Iverson to the Administrative Control Board for Washington County Special Service District No. 1, Resolution No. R-2015-1888, a Resolution Appointing Victor Iverson to the Southwest Mosquito Abatement and Control District's Board of Trustees, and Resolution No. R-2015-1889, a Resolution Appointing Victor Iverson to the Southwest Utah Board of Health. Motion seconded by Chairman Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1890, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND JOURNAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. REGARDING SOFTWARE TO INCREASE EFFICIENT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND FIFTH DISTRICT COURT OF UTAH

Mr. Clarke mentioned that over the last several years, the State Court Records Information Systems (CORIS) has moved over to electronic filing and as a result it has been requested that the Washington County Attorney's Office not only file documents electronically, but also provide the electronic information in a format compatible with the database used for case management. Currently the County Attorney's Office does not have the proper software required, thus, data entry is entered twice in order to provide data in the software the court uses. This contract provides a software interface that will give the ability to do data entry one time allowing it to be transferred directly to the court which will save time and increase efficiency. The cost is ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the first year and four thousand dollars (\$4,000) each year after.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1890, a Resolution Approving an Agreement Between Washington County and Journal Technologies, Inc. Regarding Software to Increase Efficient Communication Between the Washington County Attorney's Office and Fifth District Court of Utah. Motion seconded by Chairman Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1891 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOARD MEMBERS TO THE PINE VALLEY LOCAL DISTRICT

There are two (2) vacancies on the Pine Valley Local District Administrative Control Board as Kirk Smith and Steve Shakespeare have resigned.

Commissioner Renstrom expressed that several worthy applications were received and each applicant was interviewed. Based upon the interviews, it has been recommended that Allen Cannon fill the vacancy with a term to expire December 31, 2015 and Bruce Bergeson to fill the vacancy with a term to expire December 31, 2017.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1891, a Resolution Appointing Board Members Allen Cannon and Bruce Bergeson to the Pine Valley Local District. Motion seconded by Chairman Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner and Renstrom voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Renstrom stated that Washington County Children's Justice Center is having a fund-raiser called *Dancing with Your Community Stars*. One of the individuals dancing will be Washington County Sheriff Cory Pulsipher. Tickets to the event are fifteen dollars (\$15.00). The proceeds benefit the Children's Justice Center which protects children in the County and is a huge resource for law enforcement.

Chairman Gardner mentioned that last week the Commissioners were in Washington D.C. at the National Association of Counties (NACO) Conference. The Commissioners participated in productive committee meetings as well as attended valuable meetings with our congressional delegation. Current issues involving the County were discussed and well received.

PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS

Public Works Director Ron Whitehead expressed that due to the recent snow; individuals should refrain from driving in remote areas and higher elevation roads without someone knowing the location and making sure proper equipment and supplies are in the vehicle for emergencies.

He also provided updates to several construction projects on I-15, the Lytle Ranch Road, the Shem Dam, the Gunlock Dam, and the Kolob Terrace Road.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS

Washington County Planner Scott Messel mentioned several items that will soon come before the planning commission for consideration or discussion.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

NICHOLLE M. FELSHAW
DEPUTY CLERK

ALAN D. GARDNER
CHAIRMAN